

## It's Hurricane Season



Source: National Weather Service

Hurricanes are giant, spiraling tropical storms that can pack wind speeds of over 160 miles an hour and unleash more than 2.4 trillion gallons of rain a day.

They are enormous heat engines that generate energy on a staggering scale. They draw heat from warm, moist ocean air and release it through condensation of water vapor in thunderstorms. In a large hurricane, that relates to the amount of energy produced by the detonation of 10 atomic bombs per second.

These storms bring destruction ashore in many different ways. When a hurricane makes landfall, it often produces a devastating storm surge that can reach 20 feet high and extend nearly 100 miles. Ninety percent of all hurricane deaths result from storm surges.

A hurricane's high winds are also destructive and may spawn tornadoes. Torrential rains cause flood-

ing and lead to further damage, which may occur many miles inland.

The best defense against a hurricane is an accurate forecast that gives people time to get out of its way. The National Hurricane Center issues hurricane watches for storms that may endanger communities, and hurricane warnings for storms that will make landfall within 24 hours.

Research has shown that the elderly are the most vulnerable population during natural disasters. They are more likely to experience greater risks and adversity than other age groups. If you have elderly family members or neighbors, be sure to include them in your hurricane preparedness plans.

While the Houston/Galveston area was spared being hit by a hurricane in 2011, it is important to remember that there were 19 tropical storms, 7 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes, which tied 2011 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest season since records have been kept.

Hurricane season is June 1 through November 30. It is important for all citizens to:

MAKE A PLAN  
BUILD A KIT  
STAY INFORMED

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### *Results for May 12 General Election*

**Council Position 4:**  
Bill Patterson

**Council Position 5:**  
Beckie Stockstill-Cobb

**Council Position 6:**  
Rae A. Sinor

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### Central Collections & Utility Billing

You can now conveniently pay your water bill by automatic bank draft. For information on setting up the electronic draft, call 281-478-7221. You can also pay online by signing in to use the utility billing services at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

### City services will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Curbside collection of rubbish will resume on your next regular collection day.



The City of Deer Park recycling containers are located at the Transfer Station, 610 Underwood Road. Your recyclable materials (aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper) will be accepted at the Transfer Station Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm, and Saturdays, 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, contact the Public Works Dept. at 281-478-7253.



To keep you informed about what's happening in our community, the City of Deer Park has the e-mail notification service **CITY NEWS**. To join, visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) and click the *CITY NEWS* icon.

## City Officials

### Elected Officials

Wayne Riddle.....	Mayor
Jerry Mouton, Jr. ....	Councilmember - Position 1
Thane Harrison .....	Councilmember - Position 2
Chris Richey .....	Councilmember - Position 3
Bill Patterson .....	Councilmember - Position 4
Beckie Stockstill-Cobb .....	Councilmember - Position 5
Rae A. Sinor .....	Councilmember - Position 6

### Department Directors

James J. Stokes .....	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson .....	Assistant City Manager
Sandra Watkins .....	City Secretary
Tara Riley .....	Interim Director, Finance
Bill Philibert .....	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen .....	Director, Public Works
Scott E. Swigert .....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool .....	Director, Library
Sam Pipkin .....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg .....	Chief of Police
Linda McHone .....	I.T. Manager

### Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox .....	City Attorney
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### City Facilities

Animal Shelter .....	281-478-7274.....	4213 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theatre ...	281-478-7288.....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center .....	281-478-7216.....	601 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Battleground Golf Course .....	281-478-2080.....	1600 Georgia
City Hall .....	281-479-2394.....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center ...	281-478-2060.....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center .....	281-478-2050.....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1 .....	281-478-2043.....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2 .....	281-478-7282.....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd
Fire Station #3 .....	281-478-7281.....	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center .....	281-478-2049.....	500 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Kingsdale Center .....	281-478-7215.....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center .....	281-478-7276.....	1201 Center
Municipal Court .....	281-478-7238.....	1302 Center
Police Station .....	281-479-1511.....	2911 Center
Public Library .....	281-478-7208.....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool .....	281-478-2055.....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station .....	281-478-7252.....	610 Underwood

# Library News

## Library Construction Update

The Library expansion and renovation project got underway in March with the arrival of the excavating equipment and construction crew who began digging up the area behind the building. Mounds of dirt were created to be hauled away in large dump trucks. The construction brought a significant reduction in parking because the back side of the building has been fenced off. Three parking places have also been lost on the north side of the building to allow room for the new front plaza to be built. Parking and traffic flow have now settled into a routine.



Work on the foundation for the 6,300 sq. ft. addition began in early April. The outline of the new Library is slowly taking shape. Work on the expansion will continue over the upcoming months. In late summer, we expect the Library to close for a couple of weeks to transition from Phase I, expansion square footage, to Phase II, renovation of the existing public space. The current completion date is late 2012.

To view the Library's progress, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and select the link "click here to watch us grow." We will regularly post pictures to the Library Expansion and Renovation slide show.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is May 31-June 9 in the Library's meeting room. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library. All proceeds support the Summer Reading Club.

## Summer Reading Club (SRC)

The SRC provides children of all ages with an opportunity to enjoy reading and help them maintain current reading skills during the summer. Prizes are awarded for each book log completed. Children may turn in up to 6 weekly book logs. The last day to turn in a book log for a prize is Aug. 18. The SRC also offers a variety of children's activities during the summer. Children do not need to be registered in the reading program to attend the activities. Teens may choose to participate in the "Texas Teens Read!" program with similar incentives and guidelines. Contact the Library to register for the club.

**Storytime** programs for toddlers and preschool children incorporate books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning.

## Toddler Storytime

*For children up to 3½ years old  
Wed. & Thurs., 10:15-10:45am  
June 14-July 26*

The sessions include stories and activities designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the toddler to encourage them to participate.



## Preschool Storytime

*For children 3½ to 6 years old  
Thurs., 11-11:45am  
June 14-July 26*

In these sessions, children listen to stories and participate in group activities.

## Family Flicks

*2:30-4pm*

Join us for a family movie. We'll provide the snacks!

June 15 - Disney's *Hercules*  
June 22 - *The Great Mouse Detective*  
June 29 - Disney's *Aladdin*  
July 6 - *The Three Caballeros*  
July 13 - *A Bug's Life*  
July 20 - Disney's *Pocahontas*  
July 27 - *Land Before Time*

## Special Events

*For children ages 4 & over  
10:30-11:15am*

June 13 - Happy the Clown  
June 20 - Express Theatre's *Pinnocchio*  
June 27 - Incredible Event's *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Curious Clues*  
July 11 - Get a Clue with Origami  
July 18 - Julian Franklin's *Top Secret: Get a Clue in the Library*  
July 25 - Family Craft

## Kids Kaboodle

*For children ages 5-8  
1:30-2:15pm*

June 11 - Stain Glass Mobile  
June 18 - Paper Plate Frogs  
June 25 - Rainbow Craft  
July 2 - Bowling Tournament  
July 9 - Egg Cup Bugs  
July 16 - Game Day  
July 23 - Craft Stick Craft

## Pre-Teen Activities

*For children ages 9-12  
3:30-4:15pm*

June 11 - Stain Glass Window Hangers  
June 18 - Munchie Wallets  
June 25 - Woven Mug Rugs  
July 2 - Build a Treasure Ship  
July 9 - Japanese Braiding  
July 16 - Rock & Roll Monsters  
July 23 - Ice Cream Social



## Teen Book Club

Wed., 1:30-2:30pm

June 13-July 25

Teens can read and discuss the *book of the week*, as well as favorites and new trends. Copies of the *book of the week* will be displayed for check out in the Young Adult New Books. Free snacks. Teen Book Club will not meet July 4.

## Teen Tech

Wed., 3-5:30pm

Teens will enjoy socializing and a little friendly competition at video gaming, board games, and card games. No fee or registration required. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Teen Tech will be not be offered on July 4.

## Beginning Crochet Class

For ages 8-adult

Tues., 7-8pm

Learn at your own pace. Attend at your own convenience. Initial materials provided. Class is free. Registration is not required. Please note that class begins at 7:15pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Mystery Book Club** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 5:30pm. Join other mystery readers to discuss the selected books and other mysteries you enjoy. Registration is not required. You are welcome to come whether you have read the books or not.

June 12 - Summer Thrillers

*The Confessor*

by Daniel Silva

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*Die Trying*

by Lee Child

July 10 - Police Procedurals

*Dreaming of the Bones*

by Deborah Crombie

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*Faithful Place*

by Tana French

Aug. 14 - American Authors

*The Concrete Blonde*

by Michael Connelly

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*L.A. Requiem*

by Robert Crais

## Using Your Library from Home

Did you know you could download audio books or e-books to your iPod, MP3 player, e-reader, personal computer, or tablet from the Houston Area Digital Media Catalog powered by Overdrive? You can also search for articles in major newspapers using INFOTRAC Newsstand, one of the TexShare databases. Access [Online Resources](#) at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) anytime. A current Deer Park Library card and Internet access is required. Call 281-478-7208 during library hours for assistance when accessing the resources for the first time. A password is required.

## Computer Classes

For ages 17 & over

Free computer classes are offered throughout the year. Space is limited so registration is required. Prerequisite skills may be required for some classes. For more details, call 281-478-7208. Registration can be done by phone or in person.

## Introduction to Computers

Become familiar with the computer, and get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.

June 14, 6:30-8:30pm

July 12, 2:30-4:30pm

## Microsoft Word 2010 Basics

Learn how to create and edit documents, including resumes, letters, and reports.

June 14, 2:30-4:30pm

July 12, 6:30-8:30pm

## Browsing the Web

Learn the basic skills of browsing the world wide web. Topics include search engines, basic searching techniques, online security, and management of browser windows.

June 21, 6:30-8:30pm

July 19, 2:30-4:30pm

## Microsoft Excel 2010 Basics

Learn to create and edit spreadsheets, as well as how to create formulas and functions for calculations. Familiarity with Microsoft Word 2010 is helpful.

June 21, 2:30-4:30pm

July 19, 6:30-8:30pm

## New Books

*The Third Gate* by Lincoln Child

*Heartbroken* by Lisa Unger

*Deadlocked: A Sookie Stackhouse Novel* by Charlaine Harris

*Odd Apocalypse* by Dean Koontz

*The Fallen Angel* by Daniel Silva

*The Caller: An Inspector Sejer Mystery* by Karin Fossum

*Night Watch* by Linda Fairstein

*Time Untime* by Sherrilyn Kenyon

*Bones are Forever* by Kathy Reichs

*Creole Belle: A Dave Robicheaux Novel* by James Lee Burke



## Hurricane Season

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Should the Mayor call for an evacuation of the city for a category 4 or 5 hurricane, information will be announced over the AM radio at 530 MHz and through the local emergency phone notification system. The best plan is to evacuate inland 150 miles or more and stay with friends and family, or at a Red Cross shelter or motel. Having emergency supplies in easy-to-carry containers will serve you well, no matter what kind of natural or man-made emergency you may face.

All City employees, volunteers, and emergency equipment will be sheltered once wind speeds reach 55 miles per hour. Calls for assistance will not be answered until the storm has passed.

In an effort to help those citizens that need transportation out of the city during a hurricane evacuation, the City of Deer Park, in conjunction with the State of Texas and other cities in Southeast Harris County, will participate in a transportation hub, which will be located at the Pasadena Convention Center. This transportation hub will provide the citizens with a bus ride to a shelter, which has been prearranged by the Office of Emergency Management. Households with individuals needing special assistance leaving their homes for the transportation hub should call the Parks and Recreation Department at 281-478-2050 or refer to page 15 and submit the completed Evacuation Assistance Request as instructed on the form. You may also complete the form online at [www.deerparktx.gov/residents](http://www.deerparktx.gov/residents) under the *Action Items* section. A

## Employee Awards



*January – Supervisor of the Month*  
Jeremy Elbert, Republic Grill & Golf Course



*February – Support Staff*  
Brandi Arevalo, Parks & Recreation



*January – Support Staff*  
Sharon Moblo, Police Dept.



*February – Field Services*  
Mike Dowty, Public Works



*February – Supervisor of the Month*  
Elva Banda, Parks & Recreation



*March – Support Staff*  
Sheila Plovovich, Police Dept.

list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers will be maintained. This list will be called in the early stages of each hurricane season to determine individual needs.

City staff will be on 24-hour standby once an evacuation notice is issued. The Emergency Operation Center will be manned before, during, and after the storm. Radio station AM 530 will broadcast infor-

mation bulletins specific to Deer Park 24 hours a day.

To learn about the Blackboard Connect service the City of Deer Park uses to rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages, especially those messages regarding the safety or welfare of our community, to every telephone number stored in the notification database, please refer to page 16.

## *Protect Yourself This Summer*

There are more than 300 heat-related deaths in the U.S. each year. To prevent this loss of life, here are some tips from the American Red Cross.

- Do not stay in or leave anyone in closed, parked cars during hot weather, especially children or pets.
- Do not exercise vigorously during the hottest times of the day. Instead, exercise in the cooler part of the day. If the outside temperature is 82°F or above and the humidity is high, you should consider doing an abbreviated exercise routine.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing made from materials, such as cotton, so sweat can evaporate. Don't forget to put on a wide-brimmed hat with vents for protection from the sun.
- Drink lots of liquids to replace the fluids you lose from sweating. Do not wait until you feel thirsty. When you exercise, take small sips of liquid rather than large drinks. Water is the best drink to replace lost fluids. Add ½ teaspoon of salt to 1 quart of water, if you sweat a lot.
- Do not drink alcoholic or caffeinated beverages because those drinks speed up fluid loss.
- Do not bundle a baby in blankets or heavy clothing. Infants don't tolerate heat well because their sweat glands are not well developed.

## *Summer Safety*

Every year, thousands of needless injuries and deaths are caused by failure to follow some simple safety rules. Here are a few tips to help you keep fire hazards under control this summer.

## *Lawn Mowers*

- Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. The vapors remain on your clothing and can easily ignite if you light a match.
- Never store flammable liquids, in glass or breakable containers. If plastic containers are used, make sure they are approved for the storage of flammable liquids. Otherwise, use metal flammable liquid containers. These containers should be stored away from the house, preferably in a detached metal storage shed.
- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.
- Never fuel a lawn mower while it is hot or the motor is running. Shut off the engine and allow it to cool down first.
- Always keep hands and feet away from the mower while it is running.

## *Barbecue Safety*

- Use all barbecue grills outdoors and away from the house. Never add flammable liquid to a fire already underway, and never use gasoline, paint thinner, alcohol or similar liquids as a starter. Always ignite the charcoal briquettes in a sheltered area, out of the wind, preferably with an electric igniter. Never dispose of used charcoal briquettes on the ground, particularly in flower beds, where they can become a source of ignition for bark dust or similar mulch.
- Supervise children whenever any grill is in use.
- Keep all liquid propane (LP) for your gas grill outside, at least 3 feet away from building open-

ings, such as doors, windows, dryer vents, and air intake vents.

- LP gas grills are not permitted inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building used for human habitation. LP gas is heavier than air and sinks. A leaky grill could pose a hazard to people below. Possible ignition sources include smoking materials, air conditioners, compressors, pilot lights, and cars. Make sure all connections are tight and secure. If you have an LP gas fire, call the Fire Dept. immediately by dialing 911. Do not try to extinguish the fire yourself.

## *Children Home Alone*

With both parents working full-time jobs, it is not uncommon to find children spending more time at home alone. To help you determine if your children are ready to accept the responsibility, ask yourself if they manage their time wisely and can finish what they start, and if they can accept and follow instructions.

## *The Home Contract*

Once you have decided that the children will be at home, a home contract is needed. This contract should spell out the rules so that everyone understands them. Your contract should:

- Clearly state do's and don'ts
- Specify cooking and kitchen safety rules to follow
- State who to call and when to call for routine matters and emergencies
- Classify home emergencies
- Specify who can visit and who cannot come over when you aren't there



# Parks & Recreation



## **Pool Grand Opening Luau**

Celebrate the pool's opening with a Luau. Refreshments to be sold.

*\$2 residents, \$3 non-residents*

*June 2 & 3, 1-6pm*

*City Pool at Dow Park*

## **Aqua Zumba**

It's a safe and effective water-based workout that integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy into traditional aqua fitness. Limited to 50.

*\$45 per session*

*Mon. & Wed., 7-7:45pm*

*Sessions: June 4-27, July 2-25, July 30-Aug. 22*

*City Pool at Dow Park*

## **Water Aerobics**

Join this low impact aerobic exercise class in the water. Bring a noodle.

*\$30/month, \$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Tues. & Thurs., 11:15am-12:15pm*

*Sessions: June 5-28, July 3-31*

*City Pool at Dow Park*

## **Cricut® 101 for Beginners**

Learn how to care and maintain your Cricut®, as well as understand basic operation and settings, and how to use the mode, function, and cutting adjustment keys. Bring your Cricut®, a cartridge, mat, tool kit, and scrap card stock.

*\$40 per person*

*Mon., 7-9pm*

*June 4-25*

*Claude Burgess Recreation Center*

## **Scrapbooking Crop**

Enjoy a day of memory saving fun. Lunch and a light dinner will be provided. Stamp sets, a Cricut® and cartridges, as well as a Cuttlebug® will be available for use.

*\$35 per person*

*June 9 & July 14, 9am-9pm*

*Claude Burgess Recreation Center*

## **Teams of Tomorrow Dino Camp**

A creative basketball Dino Camp for boys and girls! Kids develop basketball skills and learn about dinosaurs. For ages 3-6.

*\$20 registration fee, \$65 session fee*

*Tues., 3-4:30pm*

*June 12-July 10*

*Deer Park Community Center, Rm 12*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cardboard Boat Races**

Each team will need a boat made completely out of cardboard. For boat construction requirements, safety tips, and general rules, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/recreation](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recreation). Registration ends June 15. Send an e-mail to [dculp@deerparktx.org](mailto:dculp@deerparktx.org) for more information. For ages 8 & over.

*\$25 per team*

*June 23, 2-4pm*

*City Pool at Dow Park*

## **Tiny Dragons Introductory Class**

The class aims to help children develop the physical skills necessary for Martial Arts, such as balance, posture, and coordination. Children will also learn valuable life skills, such as discipline, courtesy, respect, and focus. For ages 4-6.

*\$30 per month (2 days/week) or \$40 per month (3 days/week)*

*Mon., Wed. & Fri., 4:30-5:30pm*

*Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10*

## **Movies in the Park**

Watch movies at Dow Park on an outdoor inflatable screen for free! Movies start about 8:45pm.

*June 29 - Dolphin Tale (PG)*

*July 27 - Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG)*

*Aug. 24 - The Muppets (PG)*

## **Concerts in the Park**

Concerts in Dow Park from 7-8:30pm are free.

*June 14 - Killin' Time Band (Country)*

*June 21 - Foster (Modern Alternative)*

*June 28 - The Harris Family (Gospel)*

*July 12 - Little Late for Nashville (Country)*

*July 19 - Hypersoul (Classic Rock)*

*July 26 - Major Tone (Classic R&B and Soul)*

*Aug. 2 - Lonestar (Bluegrass)*

*Aug. 9 - 80 Proof (80's Rock)*



## **Fourth Fest**

Celebrate our nation's independence on July 4 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Nominal fee for some activities and concessions.

*Johnny Dee & The Rocket 88's, 6-9pm*

*Children's Activities, 6-9pm*

*Children's Arts & Crafts, 6-8pm*

*Art Park Player Concessions, 6-9pm*

*Zambelli Fireworks Show, 9:15pm*

## **Market Days of Deer Park**

Come to Dow Park for homemade goods and ready-made items. Send an e-mail to [marketdays@yahoo.com](mailto:marketdays@yahoo.com) to become a vendor.

*9am-1pm*

*June 16, July 21 & Aug. 18*

## **Ladies Low Impact Aerobics**

Cardiovascular exercise class with sculpting and weight training. For ages 18 & over.

*Mon., Wed. & Fri.*

*\$20 per month, \$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:30am*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Dive-In Movie

It's movie night at the pool with hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks.

*\$8 per person*

*Aug. 25*

*Gate opens at 7pm, Movie at 8:30pm*

*City Pool at Dow Park*

## Extreme Couponing

Learn where to get coupons, how to use them, and how to stockpile items. Limited to 15.

*\$25 per person*

*July 14, 10am-1pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## SPA-tacular Day (Wild Child Destinations)

It's the ultimate spa party at Regency Beauty Institute and lunch at Magnolia Bakery. For ages 6-12.

*\$30 per child*

*June 15, 10am-2pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Great Wolf Lodge (Wild Child Destination)

The Great Wolf Lodge adventure in Grapevine offers lots of indoor and outdoor water fun. Register by June 18. Required parent meeting on July 5 at 5pm. For ages 7-12.

*\$325 per child (includes 2 nights at hotel, 3-day water park pass, 3 meals per day, and MagiQuest game & wand)*

*July 9-11, 8am-4pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Sky Zone, Cici's & Tutti Frutti

(Wild Child Destinations)

We'll have lunch at Cici's, enjoy fun activities at Sky Zone, and stop at Tutti Frutti on the way home. For ages 6-12.

*\$40 per child*

*July 30, 10:45am-4:30pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Bring Your Own Banana Sleepover

Stay up all night to play games, watch movies, swim, and more. Limited to 45. For ages 5-11.

*\$35 per child*

*June 20-21, 7:30pm-7am*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Mini Gourmet

Children will learn about cooking techniques, tools and utensils, the basics of etiquette, nutrition, and safety. They'll also be making their own cooking apron. For ages 7-12.

*\$55 per child*

*10am-12pm*

*Sessions: June 18-21, July 23-26*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Zumba Fitness

Join the fastest growing fitness craze and experience an exciting high energy workout.

*\$50 per session (1 day/week) or \$85 per session (2 days/week), \$10 Drop-in fee*

*Tues. & Thurs., 7:15-8:15pm*

*Sessions: June 26-Aug. 2, Aug. 21-Sept. 27*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Deer Park Karate

Learn a variety of defensive and offensive maneuvers, such as counters to punches, escapes from bear hugs, and hand and foot striking techniques.

*\$30 per month (2 classes/week) or \$40 per month (3 classes/week)*

*Mon., Wed. & Fri.*

*Introd. Class, ages 5-12, 6:40-7:15pm*

*Beginner's Class, ages 5-12, 7:15-8pm*

*Teen & Adult Class, ages 13 & over,*

*8-8:45pm*

*Deer Park Community Center, Rm 6*

## Self-Defense for Women

Class includes defensive and offensive maneuvers, basic blocking, and striking techniques that are easy to learn, remember, and execute. For ages 18 & over.

*\$100 per session*

*Tues. & Thurs., 6:45-7:45pm*

*June 5-July 31*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## Basic Dog Obedience Training

Train your dog to listen. For details, go to [petpretties.com](http://petpretties.com).

*\$75 per 8-week session*

*Tues., 7-8pm*

*July 3- Aug. 21*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## Safety & Self-Defense for Kids

Kids learn important safety tips, basic striking and blocking techniques, how to escape from holds and grabs, ground fighting, and self-defense maneuvers.

*\$70 per child*

*Tues. & Thurs., June 5-July 31*

*Ages 6-12, 2:30-3:30pm*

*Ages 13-17, 3:45-4:45pm*

*Deer Park Community Center, Rm 6*

## Adult Cardio Tennis

It's the ultimate, high energy workout. Go to [www.cardiotennis.com](http://www.cardiotennis.com) for more information.

*\$60 for 6 classes*

*(1 class/week)*

*Mon., 5:30-6:30pm*

*June 25-Aug. 6*

*Dow Park Tennis Courts*



## Adult Softball

8 weeks of scheduled games on all grass infields. Each team will play double-headers every week. Men's (Class D) league is Mon. night, the Co-Recreation league is Tues. night, and Men's Competitive (Class B) league is Thurs. night. Registration ends June 1. Limited to 12 teams per league. Send an e-mail to [lstole@deerparktx.org](mailto:lstole@deerparktx.org) for more information.

*\$420 per team*

*June 11-Aug. 2*

*Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd.*

## Concealed Handgun Class

This course covers the rules and regulations to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm in the State of Texas, as well as the safety, maintenance, and storage of a firearm. Fingerprinting is required prior to the class. Go to [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us) for more information.

*\$100 for students, \$90 for Deer Park educators, \$70 for City employees, \$70 for DPVFD, \$60 for Active Military/Reserve, \$40 for Police Officers*

*July 14, 8:30am-4pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*



# Parks & Recreation

## **Cardio Kickbox & Fitness**

Burn 300-600 calories while enjoying a high intensity workout with resistance, weight, and endurance training. For ages 13 & over.

*\$50 per session (1 class/week) or \$90 per session (2 classes/week), \$12 Drop-in fee Mon. & Wed., 6:45-7:30pm  
Sessions: June 4-27, July 9-Aug. 1, Aug. 6-29  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Deer Park Junior Tennis**

Midweek tennis classes are led by Ted Geier, USPTA Developmental Coach. *\$79 per session (1 day/week) or \$158 per session (2 days/week)  
Performance Team (Int. level), ages 8-14, Tues. & Thurs., 5-6pm  
Tournament Tough Team (Adv. level), ages 9-17, Tues. & Thurs., 6-7pm  
June 26-Aug. 7  
Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Pilates**

Strengthen your core, tone your body, and improve your flexibility. For teens & adults.

*\$40 per month (2 days/week) or \$20 per month (1 day/week), \$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. & Thurs., 6:30-7:30pm  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Paint Me**

Plaster painting class with several ceramic pieces to choose from. For all ages. Limited to 50.

*\$7 per piece  
Fri., 1-3pm  
July 6-27  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Tennis Camps**

Children will learn the basics of tennis. For ages 5-13.

*\$55 per child per session  
Ages 5-8, 8-9am  
Ages 9-13, 9-10am  
Sessions: June 11-14, June 18-21, June 25-28  
Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Basketball Camps**

Children will learn the basics of basketball. Limited to 40. For ages 5-10.

*\$55 per child per session  
Ages 5-7, 1-2:15pm  
Ages 8-10, 2:30-4pm  
Sessions: June 18-21, June 25-28  
Deer Park Junior High Gym, 410 E. 9<sup>th</sup>*

## **All Skills Volleyball Camp**

Children will learn the fundamentals of volleyball. For 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

*\$65 per child per session  
2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade, 10-11:30am  
5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, 12-1:30pm  
Sessions: June 11-14, July 9-12  
Earl Dunn Gym*

## **Volley Tots**

Children will learn about volleyball, fitness, and fun. For ages 4-6.

*\$40 per child per session  
Tues.-Thurs., 11am-12pm  
Sessions: June 5-7, Aug. 7-9  
Earl Dunn Gym*

## **Swim Lessons**

Children, ages 3-10, will learn basic swimming skills. Baby Splashes, a baby and me water activity, is also offered.

*\$35 per child per session  
Mon.-Thurs., 9am & 10am  
Sessions: June 11-21, July 9-19, July 23-Aug. 2, Saturday classes July 7-Aug. 4  
City Pool at Dow Park*

## **Fun Sports**

Children will learn the fundamentals of basketball, soccer, baseball, football, and tennis. For ages 3-5.

*\$55 per child  
Mon.-Thurs., 9:15-10am  
Sessions: July 16-19, July 23-26  
Earl Dunn Gym*

## **Lego Logo**

Kids will build robots, cranes, and more. Plus, they'll expand their math, science, and technology skills. For ages 8-12.

*\$90 per child  
July 30-Aug. 3, 9-11am or 2-4pm  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Lego Mania**

Kids will be creative, follow instructions, improve eye-hand coordination, and develop problem solving skills. For ages 4-7.

*\$90 per child  
July 30-Aug. 3, 11:30am-1:30pm  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Camp Crabgrass**

Children will enjoy swimming, a field trip, and more. They must bring lunch, a drink, and 2 snacks each day. Limited to 93 children. For ages 6-11.

*\$105 residents, \$115 non-residents  
Mon.-Fri., 7:30am-5:30pm  
Sessions: June 11-15 (Sky Zone), June 18-22 (Splashtown), June 25-29 (ITZ Fun Center Lock-In Sleep Over Thurs. night), July 16-20 (Ice Age Continental Drift & pizza pool party), July 23-27 (Pirates Bay), July 30-Aug. 3 (Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center)  
Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## **Nature Nuts**

Kids will enjoy some outdoor fun. They must bring a sack lunch with 2 drinks, and a snack. Limited to 25. Parent packet must be completed prior to camp. For ages 6-12.

*\$105 residents, \$115 non-residents  
Mon.-Fri., 7:30am-5:30pm  
July 9-13  
Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## **Fashion Designer**

Children design fashions by sketching, color coordinating, and mixing textures and patterns. For ages 8-12.

*\$90 per child  
Mon.-Fri., July 30-Aug. 3, 9-11am  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Camp Barbie**

Children will practice good manners, learn how to handle money, and more. For ages 4-8.

*\$90 per child  
Mon.-Fri., 11:30am-1:30pm  
July 30-Aug. 3  
Deer Park Community Center*

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## *Kids on Broadway Night*

On July 5 at 8pm, the Art Park Players will present a free performance of their summer musical, *The King and I*, for all youth in Deer Park and the surrounding areas. For more information, contact Susan Mele at 281-478-7288.



## *Into the Woods*

### *Jr. Art Park Players Theatre Camp*

All children, ages 10-18, are invited to join our 2-week acting camp. Camp will include in-depth training and rehearsal experience for young actors, leading up to a modernized production of *Into the Woods*. Anyone who likes the stage or loves to act is sure to have a blast in this workshop experience! For details, call 281-478-7288.

*\$50 per student*

*Mon.-Fri., 10am-12pm*

*June 4-15*

*Municipal Court & Theatre Building*

## *A Class Act, Modeling & Self-Improvement*

### **Session 1**

Young ladies, ages 6-18, will learn run-way modeling, social graces, public speaking, make-up application, skin care, interview techniques, and how to pose for the photographer. Students will be divided into age groups and learn about the techniques that apply to their age. They will participate in a

fashion show on June 11 at 11am and receive a certificate for completing the modeling course.

*\$75 per student per session*

*Mon.-Fri., 10am-12pm*

*June 4-18*

### **Session 2**

This course is specifically designed for the young ladies who received certification in Session 1 of *A Class Act*. Students will review the skills learned in the previous course, plus add lessons in selecting an agent, completing a resume, and preparing a portfolio. Students will also participate in a photo session with a professional photographer and receive an advanced certification.

*\$75 per student per session*

*Mon.-Fri., 10am-12pm*

*June 11-15*

## *Grease, The Musical*

### *Art Park Players Theatre Camp*

Join the most exciting youth theatre company in Southeast Texas for 2 weeks of fun at the APP's summer drama camp. Area youth will gather for vocal and movement sessions, acting lessons, technical training, theatre games, field trips, and rehearsals for their musical review show at camp's end on June 15 at 7pm.

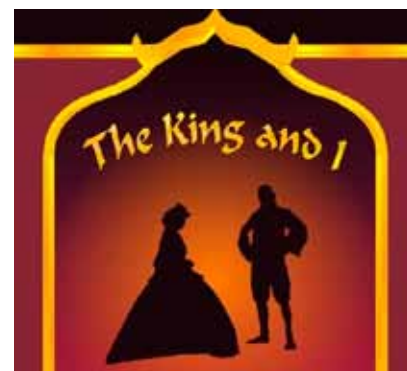
Students will each receive a free ticket to see *The King and I* at a special performance on July 5 at 8pm. Children who attend the camp will receive snacks, 2 free tickets to their production, and a camp T-shirt. The camp is open to boys and girls, ages 6-18.

*\$125 per student*

*Mon.-Fri., 1-5pm*

*June 4-15*

*Municipal Court & Theatre Building*



## *The King and I*

*Art Park Players*

*Directed by Susan Mele*

You'll whistle a happy tune when you join us for *The King and I*. Cultures clash in this classic tale when a fiery, but compassionate, British teacher and widow meets her match, the stubborn King of Siam. *The King and I* tells the story of the King, who is trying to bring his country into the new age, and Anna, the tutor to the King's many children and wives. With both keeping a firm grip on their respective traditions and values, Anna and the King grow to understand and, eventually, respect one another in this captivating and timeless treasure of wills, wits, and wisdom.

*\$25 Meal & Show Tickets (Catered by The Republic Grill)*

*\$15 Show Only Tickets*

*Students with a valid student ID will receive a \$10 discount.*

*July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 - Dinner served at 7pm, 8pm curtain*

*July 8 & 15 - Lunch served at 1pm, 2pm curtain*

To purchase tickets to any of our shows, call the Art Park Players Box Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Bldg. Check out our all-star cast at [www.artparkplayers.com](http://www.artparkplayers.com).



# Public Works

## *Teach Kids About Storm Water*

Here are some activities you can do to teach kids about storm water quality and how reducing water pollution can make a big difference.

1. *Participate in Local Volunteer Programs* - The City currently offers great opportunities for citizens, scout troops, and other organizations with its Storm Water Inlet Marking (SWIM) Program, waterway clean-up projects, and public outreach events.
2. *Plant a Native Garden* - Have the kids help you turn your lawn into a native, drought-tolerant garden. Less watering means less runoff, which means less pollution reaches the bay!
3. *Learn about Watershed* - Grab a watershed map and show the kids where your house is located. From there, explain what watershed you live in and how water from that watershed flows to the ocean.
4. *Visit Local Nature Centers* - Most of the rainwater that falls within the city limits ultimately flows south towards Clear Lake, which then flows into Galveston Bay. Take your kids to visit local nature centers, like the Armand Bayou Nature Center, so they can have a better understanding of how the water cycle works and encourage them to take a larger role in improving the quality of our local waterways.

For more information, call Wesley Brandon at 281-478-7244 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/stormwater](http://www.deerparktx.gov/stormwater).

## *Rain Barrels*

Rainwater is generally free of the salts, minerals, and additives, often found in treated municipal water. These additives are often not the best choices for plants, which need to be at peak health to repel insects and disease.

Rain barrels offer a great way to collect rainwater and reuse it to water your plants. They not only save money by reducing water bills, but also reduce the amount of pollution that reaches

the downstream drainage system and help alleviate local ponding issues that are commonly found in poorly-drained backyards.

Contact Wesley Brandon at 281-478-7244 or [wbrandon@deerparktx.org](mailto:wbrandon@deerparktx.org) for more information.

## *Drainage Maintenance*

Debris in the storm drain system can obstruct the flow of flood waters, which can cause overflow into streets and yards. The City clears and performs maintenance work on the system at least twice a year and on an as-needed basis. Citizens are expected to perform routine maintenance on ditches located on rights-of-way in front of their properties, including the removal of high weeds and litter. To report drainage issues, call 281-478-7252 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks](http://www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks).

## *Heavy Trash Pick Up*

Non-kitchen type rubbish needs to be placed at curbside by 8am on Wed. for heavy trash pick up. At times, the volume of trash causes pick up to continue into Thurs. and Fri. If the material was at curbside by 8am on Wed., the sanitation crew is aware of it, and will be back by Fri. afternoon. For questions, contact us at 281-478-7253.

### *Guidelines for Heavy Trash Pick Up*

- Tree limbs must be less than 50 lbs. or 4 ft. in length.
- Concrete, bricks, shingles, paint cans, and household chemicals must be taken to the Transfer Station on Sat., 9am-4:30pm.
- Tires, batteries, and other car parts are not accepted by the landfill.

## *Automotive Waste Oil Collection*

The City's Sanitation Division is providing residents with a convenient way to properly dispose of oil by adding the service to curbside pick up. The collection trucks are equipped with a waste oil repository to gain control over hazardous waste, protect the environment, and improve community service.

Waste oil should be set out with regular household garbage on one of the homeowner's two service days.

## *Adopt-A-Pet*

To find animals for adoption, go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or contact the animal shelter at 281-478-7274. A \$50 dollar adoption fee applies and you must prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal, as well as a rabies vaccination.

## *Flood Information*

Because Deer Park is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents can purchase flood insurance to protect their properties against the hazards of flooding. Please keep in mind that there is a 30-day waiting period after you purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect.

## *Flood Map Services*

To view the flood maps and determine the flood zone your property is in, stop by the Public Works Dept. at City Hall, call 281-478-7252, or go to [www.harriscountyfemt.org](http://www.harriscountyfemt.org).

## *City Projects*

- The *2<sup>nd</sup> Year Sanitary Sewer Overflow* project was awarded to PM Construction on March 6, 2012 in the amount of \$1,242,873. This project will involve sanitary sewer rehabilitation in the Pasadena Plaza Subdivision.
- The *Battleground Golf Course Historic Bridge Rehabilitation* project is expected to be awarded by this summer.
- The *Georgia Avenue Headwall* project is expected to be awarded by this summer.
- The *2012 Water Line Replacement* project is expected to go out for bid this summer.
- The *Lambuth Lane @ Channel B112-03-01 Culvert Replacement* project is expected to go out for bid this summer.





## *Citizen's Police Academy Class 26*

The Deer Park Police Dept. is currently recruiting citizens for the 26<sup>th</sup> class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes will begin on Aug. 16, 2012 and are held each Thursday from 7-10pm until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work.

Previous classes have included hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations, communications, and many other topics. Past students have listened to audio recordings, watched pursuit videos, and investigated mock crime scenes.

Prospective students must be at least 18 years of age with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park. Graduates are encouraged to join the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members can continue to assist the Deer Park Police Department in a number of capacities.

The course is provided free of charge by the Deer Park Police Department. Contact Sheila Plovovich, Community Liaison, at 281-930-2118 or send an e-mail to [splovovich@deerparktx.org](mailto:splovovich@deerparktx.org) for more information.

## *New Look For Police Vehicles*

Deer Park Police vehicles will have a new look with the purchase of this year's replacement patrol cars. Last summer, after a departmental poll indicated that the majority of our employees would like to update our vehicle graphic design, a committee was formed and tasked with revising it. Issues regarding the lack of reflective material currently on the vehicles, as well as difficulties in clearly making out the word *POLICE* as a result of the shadowed font were discussed. The goal became to make the department's name stand out in reflective lettering and make it more visible in the dark. The turquoise blue we have now will be replaced with a darker, bolder blue for more contrast against the lettering. The uniform patch has also been added. The distinguishing factor in the new design that sets our police dept. apart from other departments using a similar graphic is the Texas Hero typeface. The font was designed after Thomas J. Rusk's penmanship and will be used to write the words *Birthplace of Texas*. Thomas J. Rusk served as the General at the Battle of San Jacinto so the committee thought it would be uniquely appropriate to use it in a conspicuous manner across both doors, underneath *Deer Park Police*. The new look will be gradually phased in over the next few years. Be on the lookout for it sometime this summer!



## *Don't Be A Victim*

One of the more prevalent crimes in Deer Park is burglarized vehicles. It is also one of the most preventable. Time and time again, after their vehicles have been burglarized, victims say "I didn't think this kind of stuff happened in Deer Park." The fact of the matter is, it does happen, and if you don't remain vigilant, you could be next!

Detective Sawtell has been serving this city for over 16 years. He recommends the following two steps to decrease the probability of your vehicle being burglarized:

1. Lock your doors
2. Do not leave valuable property in your vehicle

It's that simple. When criminals see things sitting out in your vehicle, they will take it. When you leave your vehicle unlocked, they will go in it. We all work too hard for what we have to just hand it over to criminals. So, be vigilant, be safe, and please report any suspicious activity to the police. Together, we can continue to make Deer Park a safe community.

## *Shepherd Program*

Wandering poses an increased risk to the safety of those with cognitive or communication limitations associated with Alzheimer's, Autism, or other mental impairment. The Deer Park Police Dept. would like to be prepared to locate your loved one as quickly as possible in the event that he or she wanders away from home. The Shepherd Program is designed to collect critical information needed to issue a Silver and Endangered Missing Persons alert in the event of a missing persons report.

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In 2011, the Endangered Missing Persons alert was added to the Texas Department of Safety alert system. This alert acknowledges special populations with diagnosed cognitive impairments who are at an increased risk when missing, but who do not qualify for an Amber Alert because they were not abducted or a Silver Alert because they are under 65 years old.

In order to prevent abuse of the alert system, specific requirements must be met before an alert may be issued. Information required to issue an alert include a physician's documentation of diagnosis, which can be difficult or impossible to retrieve after hours. By taking the time to provide all requested information and documentation to the police department, you ensure that an alert can be activated quickly if your loved one goes missing.

For more information or to obtain the program application, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police) or stop by the lobby at the police station.

## *False Alarm Prevention*

With the recent number of burglaries, many people are looking into alarm system services for home protection. In turn, with the increase in alarm system activations, there is also a rise in the number of false alarms. Nationwide, false alarms account for approx. 96-98% of all alarm calls. Excessive false alarms are costly for city budgets.

### *Tips to Prevent False Alarms*

Choose a licensed dealer for your purchase. Texas requires sellers and installers of alarm systems to be licensed so ask to see their issued pocket card.

Demand thorough training so you are comfortable using the system. Keep a sheet with simple operating procedures for the system handy. Make sure all key holders for your home or business know how to operate the security system properly and practice the process of canceling an accidental alarm. Make sure you are comfortable with the amount of time you have programmed to arm or disarm your system. Service and maintain your system regularly before false alarms occur. If you are testing or having the system repaired, notify your alarm company before and after completion to prevent unnecessary police dispatches.

Before leaving your home, securely close and lock all protected doors and windows. Make sure they stay closed when the system is armed. Keep pets, fans, heaters, balloons, etc., away from motion sensor areas. Contact your alarm company to report changes in telephone numbers or services, such as call waiting, a fax line, or if you are assigned to a new area code. Also, contact your alarm company if you are planning home improvements that may affect your system. When a false alarm occurs, don't panic, enter your disarm code carefully to reset your alarm. If you set off your alarm by accident, don't leave until you are certain that either your system is reset or your central station (monitoring agency) calls you for your pass or I. D. code, which is different from your disarm code. Remember, every time your alarm goes off, it's like calling 9-1-1.

## *Municipal Court Etiquette*

When you must appear in Court, remember a few rules of courtroom

etiquette:

- No food or beverages allowed
- Place all cellular telephones on silent or vibrate mode
- Wear appropriate attire (no shorts, tank tops, hats, etc.)
- Use only the south entrance on Helgra St. for entry and exit (all other doors will be secured)
- Remove disruptive children or other distractions from the courtroom
- Firearms are prohibited

## *Court Procedures*

Arrive on time and take a seat in the court room. As the Court Clerk calls docket, listen for your name and answer when it is called. To be seen by the Judge, you have to be placed on the docket. If you have questions about your court date or payment options, call the Municipal Court at 281-478-7238.

## *Arraignment*

An arraignment is your initial appearance in court. This is your opportunity to make a plea in front of the Municipal Judge. There are three ways to plea a case.

- Not Guilty - If you plead not guilty, you have an option of whether you want a trial by a 6-member jury or by the Judge, also known as a bench trial.
- Nolo Contendere (no contest) - This refers to a plea in which you choose neither guilty nor not guilty. A fine will be assessed.
- Guilty - If you chose to plead guilty, there will be a fine assessed concerning the violation.

Payment options for settling your fine, include a payment plan, deferred disposition, driver's safety

course, full payment, or, for special circumstances, community service. These options may not be available for all persons appearing before the court. Acceptable methods of payment are cash, check, debit card, money order, cashier's check, and credit card, excluding Discover.

## *Why 9-1-1 Dispatchers Ask So Many Questions*

Emergency telecommunicators (dispatchers) need to get accurate information from callers to enable officers to make an educated decision on how to approach a situation. Dispatchers handling fire and paramedic calls must also consider the well-being of the public and the safety of the firefighters and paramedics. Callers will be asked questions regarding where, what, who, and when.

### *If I call 9-1-1, what will they ask me?*

*What is the location of the emergency?* This is the address where the emergency is actually occurring. If you don't know the actual address, then provide cross streets, landmarks, business names, or parks nearby. House numbers in the area will also be helpful. If you are calling from inside a home or business, look for the address on a piece of mail. If a GPS is available, provide the dispatcher with the GPS coordinates.

*Please be specific about the location.* If the suspect just left the premises, such as in a theft, determine which way the suspect went and provide a description of what the suspect looked like. When you are asked to describe a suspect, start with the most obvious things. Some examples may include he was a white male, had a gun, was at least 6 feet tall, was wearing a bright red jacket,

and had a long brown beard.

*When describing a vehicle,* include license plate information, including the state, color, year (if unknown, tell the dispatcher if it was a new or old vehicle), make (Honda, Nissan, Ford, etc.), body style (4-door, hatchback, pick-up truck, etc.), and other things you may remember about it, such as a toolbox, stickers, unique paint job, etc.

*What is the phone number you're calling from?*

This is the number to the phone you are calling from. It is needed in case they have to call you back.

*What is the problem?*

Tell us exactly what happened. Be as concise as possible. Tell us what the problem is now, not what led up to the problem, such as "I see a fight on the corner of Pasadena Blvd. and Center St., I am fighting with my husband, or there is a car accident westbound on SH 225 at the Center Street off-ramp." We also need to know if you're going to be at or near the scene when we arrive because the police may need to talk to you, or you may need to point out the exact location. We may ask you what kind of car you are in or what color of clothing you are wearing.

*Why do dispatchers ask so many questions on a medical call?*

You will be asked a series of questions that will help determine how paramedics should respond to the call. The paramedics will be better prepared to help the patient with the information you have provided regarding the location of the emergency, what is currently happening, the patient's age, and whether the

patient is conscious and breathing. The Deer Park Police Dept. telecommunicators are trained to provide pre-arrival instructions. Based on the caller's answers, a series of questions will be asked to further provide responding resources with updated information, as well as assisting the caller in helping the patient, up to Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), if needed.

*If I call to report a fire, what should I tell the dispatcher?*

You should be prepared to answer questions, such as where is the fire, what is on fire, how large is the fire (think about the size of the fire in relation to something common), are any structures threatened, are there flames moving close to homes or buildings, are power lines involved, is anyone inside the house or building, and determine whether anyone is hurt.

*Why am I asked to hold?*

The same dispatcher who just answered your 9-1-1 call also answers the other 9-1-1 calls, and the non-emergency lines at the Deer Park Police Dept. When the Communications Unit is busy, the dispatchers ask non-emergency callers to hold while they answer other calls with possible emergencies. At times, multiple calls may be received about the same incident, such as in a major accident with multiple witnesses. The dispatcher must quickly discern if this is the same incident as the original emergency reported, and if there are any other crucial details that may be related. Every effort is made to get back to you as quickly as possible, and your patience and understanding is appreciated.



## Evacuation Assistance Request Form – Chemical Emergency Or Impending Storm

***Please register in advance. Do NOT wait until a storm is in the Gulf of Mexico.***

*This service is for residents with special needs who do not have a vehicle, cannot drive themselves, or cannot make other transportation arrangements with family, friends, or neighbors. The City of Deer Park will help transport residents with special needs to a central staging area for state-supported transportation to a northern area designated by the State of Texas.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of persons living at this address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requiring assistance:

☐ Do not drive or no vehicle available but otherwise mobile

☐ Wheelchair..... ☐ Mobile without chair ..... ☐ Completely wheelchair bound

☐ Bedridden ..... ☐ Somewhat mobile ..... ☐ Completely bedridden

☐ Special conditions or needs \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nearest relative \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please have all medications ready to take with you in case of evacuation.***

***Mail form to:*** City of Deer Park, Parks & Recreation Dept., P.O. Box 700, Deer Park, Texas 77536. You may drop off the form at the Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine, or the Maxwell Adult Center, 1201 Center Street. Or, you may complete the form online at [www.deerparktx.gov/residents](http://www.deerparktx.gov/residents).

***For more information, call (281) 478-2050.***

## Citizen Work Request

Do you know of something that needs to be done? Maybe something we have missed? Please let us know. Simply complete this form and return it to: City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

*You can also submit a Work Request online using the City's Action Center. Visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).*

***Together we can make Deer Park a better place!***

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the work \_\_\_\_\_

May we call you for more information?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

## Blackboard Connect

The City of Deer Park utilizes the Blackboard Connect service, which allows authorized City officials to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to every telephone number stored in the notification database. With the Blackboard Connect service, authorized users can send thousands of messages in minutes.

Any message regarding the safety or welfare of our community can be disseminated using the Blackboard Connect service. Examples include severe weather warnings and updates, hazardous traffic or road conditions inside the city or affecting local routes, and any other situation that could impact the safety, property, or welfare of our citizens.

It is our intention and hope that every residence in our community is

included in the notification database. Most listed telephone numbers are in the notification database. However, if you are unsure whether your telephone number is already in the database, please visit the City's website at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) and sign up for Blackboard Connect by adding your contact information as a new user. Cell phones numbers and e-mail addresses can be added to the database as well. Or, you may call 281-479-2394 Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, except holidays.

Blackboard Connect is an enhancement to other means of communication and is supplemental to, not a replacement for, the systems we have used in the past. The emergency information line 281-479-CITY (2489) and, for chemical emergencies, 281-476-CAER (2237) will

still be available. Also, TV, radio and our city website will continue to broadcast important announcements.

The caller-ID for emergency notification calls generated by the Blackboard Connect service is 281-479-2489. Additionally, certain non-emergency public information messages may be sent, which will display the telephone number of the City of Deer Park department sending the message. In addition, every message will begin with the same standard announcement: "Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling with an important message from City of Deer Park." The message content will follow this standard introduction.

For more information, visit our website at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

## Economic Development

### *New Businesses in Town*

- *Baskin-Robbins* is coming to 3811 Center. The 1,250 sq. ft. ice cream store is expected to open this summer.
- *Brisket House* is open at 3217 Center. It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> location for the Houston based restaurant. According to The Houston Press, the Brisket House has been recognized as possibly the best BBQ in Houston.
- *The Fish Place* is bringing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer Park location to 3811 Center in the Shoppes at Town Square. Their 1<sup>st</sup> location at 9001 Spencer will remain open. This new restaurant will be much larger with a fresh, new design, a walk-through serving line, and drive-thru window.
- *The Loan Depot* is open at 3717 Center in Phase II of the Shoppes at Town Square retail center. With over 40 other locations throughout Texas, the Loan Depot is a one-stop-shop for all your financial needs. They arrange *Cash For Title* loans, personal loans, tax preparation services, auto insurance, 30-day and Payday Loan Pay-offs, plus more.
- *Big Mike's* is a motorcycle shop, owned by area residents, Mike and Gina Sones. It's moved back to its original location at 5014 Luella. Big Mike's sells everything relating to motorcycles, including apparel, parts, jewelry, and more. They also sponsor benefit rides and events.
- *Movie Galore & More*, owned by Deer Park native, Angel Lozano, is open at 3428 Center. This 1,975 sq. ft. store features video games and movies for rent or purchase, console repair, plus a mini-theatre for video game contests and movie watching.
- *RMA Furniture* recently opened at 8325 Spencer. The store features gently used furniture, linens, and other furnishings.
- *Texas Events, Inc.* recently opened a branch office in Deer Park. Texas Events offers sound, lighting, video, staging, rigging, and convention services.

For more information, contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator, at 281-478-2042.

# Council Actions

## *February 2012*

- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Lambuth Crossing Drainage project.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Georgia Retaining Wall project.
- Approved the Quarterly Investment Report from October through December 2011.
- Approved the hiring of law firm, Bracewell & Giuliani, as Bond Counsel.
- Approved the hiring of CapRisk for GASB 45 requirements in the amount of \$4,750.
- Approved a request of Horizon Group International for a Temporary Occupancy Permit to locate a construction trailer and two construction containers at 3009 Center St. for the renovations of the Deer Park Library.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a General Election on May 12, 2012.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and a proposed ordinance on the request for a Specific Use Permit for a religious retreat facility to be located at 2709 Center St.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-196, Schedule G – “School Zones” and Section 66-198, Schedule I – “No Parking” of the Traffic Code.
- Approved an action on an ordinance of findings concerning the building, structure, and premise located at 1208 Norwood.
- Approved the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-350 for the Traffic Department through H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$40,557.
- Approved the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-250 for the Humane Department through H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$25,589.
- Approved the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-250 for the Streets Department through H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$28,962.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the lease purchase financing of a Pierce Velocity PUC-413 Fire Truck in the amount of \$672,810.
- Authorized staff to seek proposals for golf carts for the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved an agreement with TREMCO Managed Assets Program for roof repairs to cover all 24 city facilities in the amount of \$39,463.
- Approved an amendment to the Hotel Occupancy Tax agreement with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Approved the purchase and installation of two solids contact clarifiers from a sole source vendor for the Surface Water Plant.
- Approved an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the geotechnical investigation of the Community Center foundation system in the amount of \$29,400.
- Approved a request from the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce for a Temporary Occupancy Permit for the Carson and Barnes Circus.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2011-2012 budget.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2011-2012 Employee Pay and Classification Plan.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for repairs to the Battleground Golf Course bridge.
- Approved expenses for members of Council to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., March 9-14, 2012.
- Approved a proposal for professional services from Pate Engineering for preliminary engineering services for drainage improvements in Deer Park Garden, Section 8B, Brenda Dr. and Amy Dr.
- Approved the submission and application for the 2013 STEP Grant.
- Approved the acceptance of the FY 2011-2012 Audit Report.
- Approved an agreement with McLain Decision Support Systems to update the water and sewer rate study.
- Approved a request for Clay Development & Construction for a Specific Use Permit to allow the use of shipping containers at the Siemens exterior lay-down yard.
- Approved a proposal for professional services from Municipal Code Corporation, Inc. for re-codification of the Code of Ordinances in the amount of \$22,500.
- Authorized the termination of the financial advisory services agreement with RBC Capital Markets.
- Approved an agreement with BOSCO, Inc. for financial advisory services.
- Approved a resolution authorizing a grant application and agreement between the City of Deer Park and the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division requesting grant funds for investigative equipment.
- Authorized the submission of a grant application for the 2012

## *March 2012*

- Awarded bid to PM Construction & Rehab L.P. for Year Two of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow program in the amount of \$1,242,873.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a 1-year supply of lime slurry.



## Council Actions

- COPS Hiring Program Grant.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 78.6 of the Code of Ordinances and Section 2.6 of the Personnel Manual as it relates to Nepotism.
- Approved an ordinance amending the effective date for private ambulance permits.

### *April 2012*

- Authorized staff to seek bids for a 1-year supply of gasoline and diesel.
- Authorized the purchase of a Brush Bandit wood chipper, John Deere tractor, and a 2012 standard commercial slope mower through cooperative purchasing programs.
- Approved the completion of the 24-inch Aerial Force Main Replacement project for \$55,928.
- Approved the completion of the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation project for \$134,695.
- Authorized the Chief of Police to sign a Property Transfer Record form for the acceptance of 2 Tactical Manual Entry Breaching Kits from the City of Houston grant for the Urban Area Security Initiative.
- Approved the re-appointment of Troy Cothran to the Board of Directors of the South East Texas Housing Finance Corporation for a two-year term.
- Approved the appointment of a Boards and Commission Nominating Committee.
- Approved a Temporary Occupancy Permit to locate a construction trailer at 3810 Underwood Rd.
- Approved a Specific Use Permit for the operation of a church facility at 1305B Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Pay and Classification Scale.
- Referred amending the thoroughfare plan for Aaron St. to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Awarded the bid for the Georgia Ave. Retaining Wall project to Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$74,555.
- Awarded the bid for lime slurry to Lohist North America in the amount of \$105,700 for 700 tons (151.00/ton).
- Approved the purchase of 4 police patrol units through Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Cooperative.
- Approved an ordinance granting a pipeline franchise to DCP Sand Hill.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with Deer Park Independent School District for facility usage exchange.
- Approved an agreement with Community Center Preschool, LLC. in the annual amount of \$47,500 for the rental of facilities for preschool services.
- Approved an agreement with the Seal Swim Team for coaching and instruction.
- Approved the allocation of bond funds for the replacement of the HVAC System at Jimmy Burke Activity Center.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Library Board of Trustees.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Senior Citizens Commission.

For more information or to read the City Council meeting minutes, go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), select the *City Secretary's* section under the *Government* tab, and click on *Search Minutes*.

## Maxwell Center

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for all Deer Park citizens, ages 55 and over. It is open from 9am–5pm, 5 days a week, and offers a variety of classes. Bingo is every Wednesday at 1pm.

### *Meal Programs*

Seniors can participate in a congregate meal program and eat lunch in exchange for a \$2 donation. Lunch is served every day at 12pm. Reservations are required. We also have a homebound meal program for seniors who are restricted to their homes.

### *Bus Trips*



### *June 20 - Shangri-La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center*

The bus will leave the Maxwell Center at 8am. Cost is \$8 for garden and boat tour, \$3 program donation, plus a meal.



### *Aug. 18 - Liberty Opry*

The bus will leave the Maxwell Center at 4:30pm. Cost is \$12 (payable at registration), \$3 program donation, plus a meal at Simply Country Restaurant. If we have a group of 20 or more, the cost at registration is reduced to \$11 and the difference will be refunded to you.

*E.M. Maxwell Adult Center*  
1201 Center Street  
281-478-7276

# City Event Calendar



- 2 City Pool - Opening Luau
- 4 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 5 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 7 Siren Test 6pm
- 12 Mystery Book Club @ Library
- 14 Storytime @ Library starts  
Concerts in the Park
- 15 Family Flicks @ Library  
Cardboard Boat Races
- 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21 Concerts in the Park
- 22 Family Flicks @ Library
- 26 LEPC Meeting - 11am
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Movies in the Park



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## ***Mad Science***

Mini summer sessions for ages 6-12.

**Session 1:** July 11, 18 & 25

Focus is on NASA - Take home your own Catch-a-Comet and build a Sky-blazer II rocket & Shuttle Copter.

**Session 2:** Aug. 1, 8 & 15

Focus is on Crazy Chemworks - Make super sticky stuff and take home your own concoction of slime.

*\$55 per session*

*Wed., 11am-12pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## ***Daddy-Daughter Dance***

Join us for a semi-formal to formal evening complete with dancing to the greatest hits of the 80's.

*\$25 per couple (\$30 at door), \$17 for each additional daughter (\$20 at door)*

*June 15, 7-9pm*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## ***Preschool and Toddler Day Camp***

Children will enjoy free play, swimming, art, music, stories, and more.

*\$50 per session*

*Sessions: June 12-14, June 19-21, June 26-28, July 17-19, July 24-26, July 31-Aug. 2*

*Toddler Day Camp, ages 2-3, Tues.-Thurs., 9:30am-1:30pm*

*Preschool Day Camp, ages 3-6, Tues.-Thurs., 9:30am-2pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## ***Preschool Arts & Crafts***

There will be 2 age appropriate art projects each week in which the children will paint, glue, cut, stamp, cook, and more. For ages 3-6.

*\$20 per session*

*Mon., 10-11am*

*Sessions: June 11-25, July 16-30*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## ***Preschool Tumbling***

Children will enjoy climbing, jumping, running, balancing, hopping, and dancing. For ages 3-6.

*\$18 per session*

*Mon., 11am-12pm*

*Sessions: June 11-25, July 16-30*

*Deer Park Community Center, Rm 12*

## ***Kindergarten Jumpstart***

Children will enjoy activities aimed at developing their reading and comprehension skills. For ages 4-6.

*\$90 per child*

*Mon.-Fri., 2-4pm*

*July 30-Aug. 3*

*Deer Park Community Center*

*To view the Parks & Recreation brochure or to register for activities, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/recreation](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recreation).*



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## The Republic Grill



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[www.deerparktx.gov/republicgrill](http://www.deerparktx.gov/republicgrill)

### *Breakfast Buffet*

Fri. & Sat., 7:30-10am  
\$7.95 per person

### *Lunch Buffet*

Mon.-Fri., 11am-2pm  
\$9.95 per person

*Mexican Monday*

*Tejano Tuesday*

*Home Cooking Wednesday*

*Texas Barbeque Thursday*

*Dreaming of Fish Friday*

*Chef's choice entrée also served each day.*

### *Sunday Brunch Buffet*

Sun., 11am-2pm  
\$13.95 per person

### *Now Open for Dinner*

Mon.-Thurs., 2-8pm

### *\$5 Menu*

#### *Soup & Salad*

Cup of seafood gumbo or chicken tortilla soup and a house salad with your choice of dressing

#### *Mini Chef Salad*

Mixed greens topped with cucumbers, tomatoes, sliced ham & turkey, and your choice of dressing

#### *Soup & 1/2 Sandwich*

Cup of seafood gumbo or chicken tortilla soup and your choice of sandwich (*ham & cheese, turkey & cheese, chicken salad, or tuna salad*)

#### *Just a Sandwich*

Ham & cheese, turkey & cheese, chicken salad, or tuna salad, served with potato chips

#### *Battleground Sliders*

Three mini-burgers with your choice of cheese, served with potato chips (*substitute french fries or sweet potato fries for \$1*)

#### *Grilled Chicken Quesadilla*

Sliced chicken breast tossed with cheddar cheese and fresh pico de gallo, served with rice, sour cream, and homemade salsa

#### *Popcorn Shrimp Tacos*

Two flour tortillas filled with breaded popcorn shrimp, cheddar cheese, and fresh pico de gallo, served with rice, sour cream, and homemade salsa

#### *The "Bullpup"*

An all-beef frank wrapped in crisp bacon topped with thinly sliced ribeye steak, then smothered in a perfect mixture of mushrooms, onions, bell peppers, jalapenos, and mozzarella cheese, served with potato chips (*substitute french fries or sweet potato fries \$1*)